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SUBJECT: CSCE FOLLOW-ON ARRANGEMENTS

REF: A) USNATO 475; B) USNATO 478; C) USNATO A-12

1. DEPARTMENT IS GRATEFUL FOR PAPERS OF DUTCH, DANISH AND ITALIAN DELEGATIONS ON FOLLOW-ON QUESTION. ANALYSIS IN THESE PAPERS HAS MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR OWN CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM.

2. OUR VIEWS ARE NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED TO ENABLE US TO COMMENT ON SPECIFIC FOLLOW-ON PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE THREE PAPERS. IN ADDITION, WE TEND TO SHARE THE FRENCH VIEW (PARA 7, REF A) THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN GENEVA WOULD BE A USEFUL PREPARATION FOR MORE DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM. DEPARTMENT
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WOULD THUS SUGGEST THAT FEBRUARY 4 SPC CONSIDERATION OF

FOLLOW-ON CONCENTRATE ON THIS ASPECT.

3. SPECIFIC POINTS WHICH MIGHT BE ADDRESSED INCLUDE:

A. EAST BLOC REQUIREMENTS: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT SOVIETS WILL SETTLE FOR SOMETHING LESS THAN CURRENT CZECH PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY IF WEST BARGAINS HARD.

B. ROLE OF NEUTRALS: WE NOTE THAT BOTH DUTCH AND DANISH PAPERS SUGGEST THAT COMPROMISE ON FOLLOW-ON WILL ALSO BE NECESSARY TO SATISFY NEUTRALS. DO OTHERS SHARE THIS VIEW?

C. WESTERN TACTICS: WE DISAGREE WITH NORWEGIAN VIEW (PARA 3, REF A) THAT WEST SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE TO TABLE FOLLOW-ON PROPOSAL EARLY ON IN DISCUSSION. IN OUR OPINION, MAIN WESTERN LEVERAGE ON THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN REFUSAL TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT PENDING CLARIFICATION OF PROBABLE RESULTS OF CONFERENCE. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VIEWS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. KISSINGER

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